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THE INDIA FEDERAL UNION PLAN.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEE.

DOMINION PRECEDENTS TO BE TAKEN AS GUIDE.

POWERS OF VICEROY.

A VITAL stage in the proceedings of the Indian Round Table Conference has been passed with the submission of the Draft Report drawn up by Lord Sankey containing important proposals for the Federal Constitution of India. One of the main features is the extent of powers reserved, by almost general consent, to the Viceroy.

Executive power and authority will be vested in the Viceroy, there will be a Cabinet appointed by the Viceroy to hold office at his pleasure, and to aid and advise him. The Viceroy will invite a Minister to form a Government, which will remain in office only so long as it retains the confidence of the Legislature. The Sub-Committee generally agreed that the assumption by India of all powers and responsibility which have hitherto rested in Parliament cannot be made in one step.

PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

London, Jan. 12. The report, which Lord Sankey, Chairman, read to the Federal Structure Committee, consists of a twenty-six-page draft on the vitally important objects which this body has been considering. Copies have been given to members, and it is expected that the discussion thereof will be completed to-morrow.

It is understood that the report points out that the Sub-Committee do not claim to have evolved, in all details, a complete plan for a Federal Constitution. They consider the best service they can render to the Conference is to state certain general principles.

Many points have necessarily been left to be settled later, when public opinion both in India and England has had an opportunity of expressing itself upon them, in order that a complete Constitution may be based on a maximum measure of public approval in both countries.

Regarding the Executive, the report proceeds on the basic assumption that the Constitution will recognise the principle that, subject to special conditions, responsibility for the Federal Government of India will in fact rest upon the Indians themselves.

Dominion Precedent.

In the opinion of the Sub-Committee, the proper method of giving effect to this principle is, following the precedent of all Dominion Constitutions, to provide that executive power and authority shall invest in the Crown or in the Governor-General as representing the Crown, and that there will be a Council of Ministers appointed by the Governor-General and holding office at his pleasure. It is suggested that the instrument of instructions should direct him to appoint those persons who command the confidence of the Legislature and the Governor-General.

The convention of inviting one Minister to form a Government and requesting him to submit a list of his proposed colleagues should be followed. As those chosen as Ministers should possess the confidence of the Legislature, it follows that they would retain office only so long as they retained that confidence.

Ministerial Responsibility.

This is what the Sub-Committee understand by responsibility of the Government to the Legislature in the sense wherein that expression is used throughout the British Commonwealth. The expression also implied, in their view, that the Ministry are responsible for the administration of reserved subjects that he should not be dependent for the supply required upon the assent of the Legislature, and that it should be charged on the Consolidated Fund. It follows, also, that he should be

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PIRATES CONTROL SHIP FOR TWO & HALF DAYS.

CHINA MERCHANTS' VICTIMISED.

S.S. HSIN MING ROBBED OF VALUABLE CARGO.

HONGHAI LANDING.

In the hands of a gang of pirates for two and a half days, journeying slowly down the coast to Honghai Bay, the China Merchants' s.s. Hsin Ming goes down on record as the first 1931 victim of Bias Bay desperados. The vessel was released in the early hours of this morning.

News of the outrage was received soon afterwards, when the Hsin Ming's officers restored her wireless apparatus to working order and recounted briefly the features of the attack. Three passengers and a compradore were arrested, while the gang appears to have made a valuable haul of personal property and cargo.

The Hsin Ming, a Glasgow-built steamer of 1,695 tons register, has made only one or two previous appearances in Hongkong and these quite a few years ago. For that reason she is very little known here, the local office of the China Merchants being in complete ignorance of her movements until the receipt of the wireless message.

Pirated on Saturday.

The frozen state of Northern ports and waterways at this time of the year, usually brings about a re-arrangement of ports of call for China Merchants' vessels, says the local agent. It may therefore be assumed that the Hsin Ming was Southern-bound, trading between Shanghai probably, and Foochow, when she fell victim to the Bias Bay desperados.

The wireless message, received at 7 o'clock this morning, states she was pirated on Saturday night. It also states that the pirates had just left the vessel at Honghai Bay, which suggests that she was not released until daylight to-day, when the wireless apparatus was again put into commission to enable the early message to be sent out.

Crew Surprised.

From the meagre details given, it would appear that the pirates boarded the Hsin Ming at Shanghai in the usual guise of passengers. Choosing a favourable moment on Saturday night, they revealed their presence, overpowered the Captain, officers and crew, and took over the command of the vessel.

A slow course was then set for the south. Bias Bay and Mirs Bay being well-patrolled by warships, it would appear, the pirates took the vessel into the adjacent inlet of Honghai Bay, the scene of the termination of more than one previous exploit, and under cover of darkness, just before daylight to-day, took to waiting boats and landed their booty.

Bloodless Outrage.

The message states "Everybody is all right," indicating that the piracy has been a bloodless one, unattended by anything untoward except for the "kidnapping of three passengers and one of the Compradore's staff," and the taking away by the culprits of "a considerable quantity of cargo and loot."

Who these passengers were, and just how much loss is represented by the stolen cargo is not revealed.

The message, in concluding, requests the local Radio Office to report to the owners, agents and authorities, and intimates that the Hsin Ming has found it convenient to proceed to Foochow, which may have been her original destination.

The Hsin Ming was formerly known as the Hsin Taih. A steel-screw steamer of 2,183 tons gross, she was built in 1907 by Messrs. Napier & Miller of Glasgow, her dimensions are: Length, 70 ft.; beam 41.2 ft.; depth, 20.2 ft.

A fishing junk yesterday brought back to the Colony the crew of another junk found clinging to their half-submerged craft near Nine Pine Islands, last week. Sugar and other cargo were taken from the wrecked vessel before it was abandoned.

BRITISH AIR CRASHES.

FOUR FLIERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

NEW YEAR TOLL.

London, Jan. 13. The New Year has opened rather disastrously for the Royal Air Force, no fewer than seven airmen belonging thereto having been killed since the opening of the year.

Two officers and a flight sergeant belonging to the R.A.F. Training School were killed as the result of a crash in the darkness, last night, of a Vickers-Vimy bomber on the borders of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

A fourth occupant of the plane was flown clear and escaped without injury.

Two other bombers which were accompanying the machine were forced to land, one being wrecked, but, fortunately, without any casualties.

All three machines had lost their way in the darkness.

Earlier in the day, a flying officer was killed as the result of a crash in Essex, following a collision with another machine. In this instance, the collision was so slight that the pilot of the second machine was not aware of it.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE IN 1930.

BIG REDUCTIONS IN BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

London, Jan. 12. The Board of Trade to-day issues statistics showing that British imports in 1930 were valued at £1,045,000,000, representing a reduction of £176,000,000 on the figure for 1929.

The exports totalled £570,500,000, or a reduction of £159,000,000. The largest individual decreases in imports were raw cotton, £32,000,000; grain, £23,000,000; non-durable food and drink, £20,500,000; and woollen materials, £18,000,000.

The outstanding reductions in exports were cotton manufactures, £48,000,000; iron and steel manufactures, £17,000,000; and woolens, £16,000,000.

Re-exports in 1930, showed a decrease of twenty per cent. as compared with 1929.—Reuter.

BRITISH ANTI-DRUG PROPOSALS.

OPIUM COMMITTEE BEGINS EXAMINATION.

Geneva, Jan. 12. The Advisory Opium Committee of the League of Nations to-day began a discussion on the British draft scheme providing for the limitation of the manufacture of narcotics to the amount annually needed for the world's legitimate requirements for medical and scientific purposes.

It was decided to appoint a sub-committee to draw up a list of drugs to be covered by the proposed Convention and the substances into which they might be converted.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN IN MOTOR MISHAP.

AGED CHINESE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mr. J. S. MacLaren, of the Treasury, was concerned in a motor mishap which occurred the night before last on the Taipo Road.

He states that he was driving private car No. 1060 when, near Taipo Market, an aged Chinese got in his way and was knocked down, injuries being caused to his back. The victim also suffered from concussion and was in a serious state when taken to the Kowloon Hospital in Mr. MacLaren's car.

The Hon. Foo Ping-shuen is to distribute the prizes at St. Stephen's College at Stanley on Saturday afternoon.

FOURTH ROUND OF ENGLISH CUP.

FIVE AWAY WINNERS AGAIN UNLUCKY.

CHELSEA GET THE TIT-BIT AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

NINE CONTINGENCIES.

London, Jan. 12. The draw for the Fourth Round of the F. A. Cup Competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:

Crystal Palace	v. Everton.
Middlesbrough	v. Reading.
Bradford C.	v. Wolves.
Bury or Torquay	v. Exeter.
Leeds United	v. Newcastle.
Grimbsy T.	v. Stoke or Manchester U.
Chelsea	v. Arsenal or Aston Villa.
Southport	v. Blackpool.
Blackburn or Walsall	v. Bristol Rov.
Bolton Wand.	v. Sunderland.
Sheffield U.	v. Notts County.
West Brom.	v. Tottenham.
Charlton	v. Brighton.
Watford	v. Wednesday.
Brentford	v. Portsmouth.
Cardiff	v. Port Vale.
Barnsley	v. Villa Park.
Birmingham	v. Matches to be played on January 24.—Reuter.

Nine of the sixteen matches are not settled, hence comment is not easy. The most attractive match undoubtedly, however, will be played at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea will entertain either Arsenal or Astor Villa.

Seven of the nine clubs that failed to win at home on Saturday will get another chance should luck favour them in the re-plays.

THE UNLUCKY FIVE.

Portsmouth, Everton, Wednesday, Brighton, and Port Vale, all of which obtained excellent victories on foreign soil on Saturday, are again required to travel. Brighton and the Wednesday should get into the Fifth Round without great difficulty, and Everton will feel very anxious whether they are called upon to oppose Crystal Palace or Reading, but Portsmouth's task will not be easy, and Port Vale may expect to go down to Birmingham.

Only three of the sides definitely through are at home again, Bolton Wanderers, Leeds and Barnsley. Having disposed of Huddersfield, Leeds will look forward to their match with Newcastle with a certain amount of confidence, and Bolton Wanderers, thrice winners of the Cup since the war, should also win again.

LONDON'S PROSPECTS.

London which failed to seize upon the opportunity offered by seven home matches on Saturday is only certain of one match on the 24th, that between Chelsea and the winners of the Arsenal-Villa replay. Chelsea and the Villa have met twice this season, Chelsea losing at home and drawing at Villa Park.

The hopes of Charlton, Crystal Palace and Brentford in the re-plays are not particularly bright, though all would play in London on the 24th if they should succeed this mid-week.

Only four of the sixteen matches are definitely to be played in the South, and at least ten will be fought out in the North or the Midlands.

Of the 41 teams still interested, sixteen are from the First Division, fourteen from the Second, and eleven from the Third (including nine from the Southern Section).

GERMAN ACTION IN COAL DISPUTE.

WAGE CUT AWARD DECLARED COMPULSORY.

Cologne, Jan. 12. Despite the rejection by the coal-owners and the miners of the Official Arbitrator's award of a six per cent. wage cut, the Minister of Labour has declared that it must be regarded as compulsory.

The Communist threat to organise another strike has not materialised. The pits are working normally to-day, and further resistance to the wage cut is not anticipated.—Reuter.

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over the Lower Yangtze Valley.

Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China sea. The local forecast is "North wind, strong fine."

DISASTER FEARED.

TRADE WIND NOW 28 HOURS LATE.

MISSING FLIERS.

New York, Jan. 12.

The gravest fears are now entertained for the New York amphibian plane "Trade Wind" which is now 28 hours overdue at the Azores.

The authorities have been in wireless communication with half a dozen vessels at sea in the vicinity of the route likely to be taken by the fliers, but all of them state that they have not seen the seaplane.

More ominous, however, are the weather reports from these vessels.

Mountainous seas are running in the Atlantic and it is considered improbable that the seaplane would float for more than a few hours in such conditions if it had been forced down.

The Trade Wind set out from Bermuda for the Azores on Saturday. She was carrying two hundred pounds of tinned food, the trip being a "strictly commercial" enterprise for demonstrating the possibilities of regular air communication between America and Europe by way of Bermuda and the Azores. The missing fliers are Mrs. Beryl Hart, owner of the plane, and Lieut. W. S. McLaren.—Reuter's American Service.

WATERLOWS TO PAY £500,000.

JUDGMENT ENTERED FOR PLAINTIFF BANK.

London, Jan. 12.

Judgment for damages agreed at £669,421 has been entered for the plaintiffs, the Bank of Portugal, against Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, the famous bank-note printers, in the case heard in the King's Bench Division last month.

The amount of the damages is payable, subject to the result of a possible appeal.

It may be recalled that Waterlow provided a gang of swindlers with Portuguese bank-notes to the value of over £1,000,000, on forged documents purporting to be signed by the Governor of the Bank of Portugal.—Reuter.

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DEGREE DAY AT UNIVERSITY.

INTERESTING ADDRESS BY VICE-CHANCELLOR.

FINANCE QUESTION.

With its customary ceremonial, the 2nd annual Congregation of the University of Hongkong was held in the Great Hall yesterday. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, who is the Chancellor, presided, and conferred the degrees on graduates for 1930.

The gathering at the University included Lady Peel, and a number of prominent people of the Colony, seated on the dais being Government officials, honorary graduates of the University, ecclesiastical dignitaries and the Deans of the various faculties.

Ten was served on the lawn, and a musical programme was rendered by the band of the South Wales Borderers. The capped-and-gowned procession which comprised members of the Court, Council, Senate and Staff of the University, entered the Great Hall soon after 5 p.m., and the Congregation was formally declared open by His Excellency.

Vice-Chancellor's Address.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—When Your Excellency came here on the 22nd September last to unveil the portrait of Sir Cecil Clementi and to open the new Biological Building I took the opportunity on behalf of all the members of the University, to bid you and Lady Peel welcome. In the name of this Congregation I now welcome you to this first degree giving ceremony over which you are presiding. I said on the 22nd September, that you had already proved a substantial benefactor to the University and that all of us who had had the good fortune to come into contact with you and your wife had already learned to hold both Your Excellency and Lady Peel dear. I re-echo what I then said and once more assure Your Excellency of our loyalty towards you and our confidence in your judgment, your wisdom and your fairness. We look to Your Excellency to restrain and guide us. We also look to you, our Chancellor and our Governor, to see that the University gets a fair field for the discharge of its manifold responsibilities and its development. And we know that we shall not look to you in vain.

A year ago Sir Cecil Clementi presided over this Congregation—now he is gone. Sir Cecil Clementi was not a man whom one could easily forget. Those who knew him will, I think, carry about with them throughout their lives some influence of the radiancy of his magnetic personality and charm. Those who never knew him will perhaps, as they come into this Hall and look up at his portrait, wish that they had known him.

I do wish that all the portraits of our Chancellors were hanging on the walls of this Hall. I am not going to beg this afternoon. If I did I should expect to be pelted from this platform. But I am going to remind the wealthier members of the Hongkong community, who are proud to have been Lord Lugard's friends, that this University is still without even a portrait of its founder.

Tragedy Event.

Professor C. Y. Wang died recently that I will not dwell on the bitterness of that tragic event. It fell to me to say over his grave that he left behind him the memory of a life of unstinting loyalty and devotion. I will leave it at that; for I know that there is in the hearts of all of you, the profoundest sympathy for his widow and his now fatherless children.

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Anyways, the year 1930 has seen what I take to be the determination of the Government of Hongkong that this University must be maintained at all costs.

Increased Grant.
The increase in August last of the University's annual grant saved the Institution from a condition of serious financial embarrassment. We are deeply grateful to Your Excellency for the business-like and prompt way in which on your arrival you set yourself to (Continued on Page II.)

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Scotland (white) retained the Burkhill Cup by defeating England (stripes) by 13 points to 10 in the annual rugger International played in Shanghai on New Year's Day. Bottom pictures illustrate incidents in an exciting encounter.



An intelligent looking dog, "Boxer," shown above is only seven months old, and belongs to a Shanghai woman.



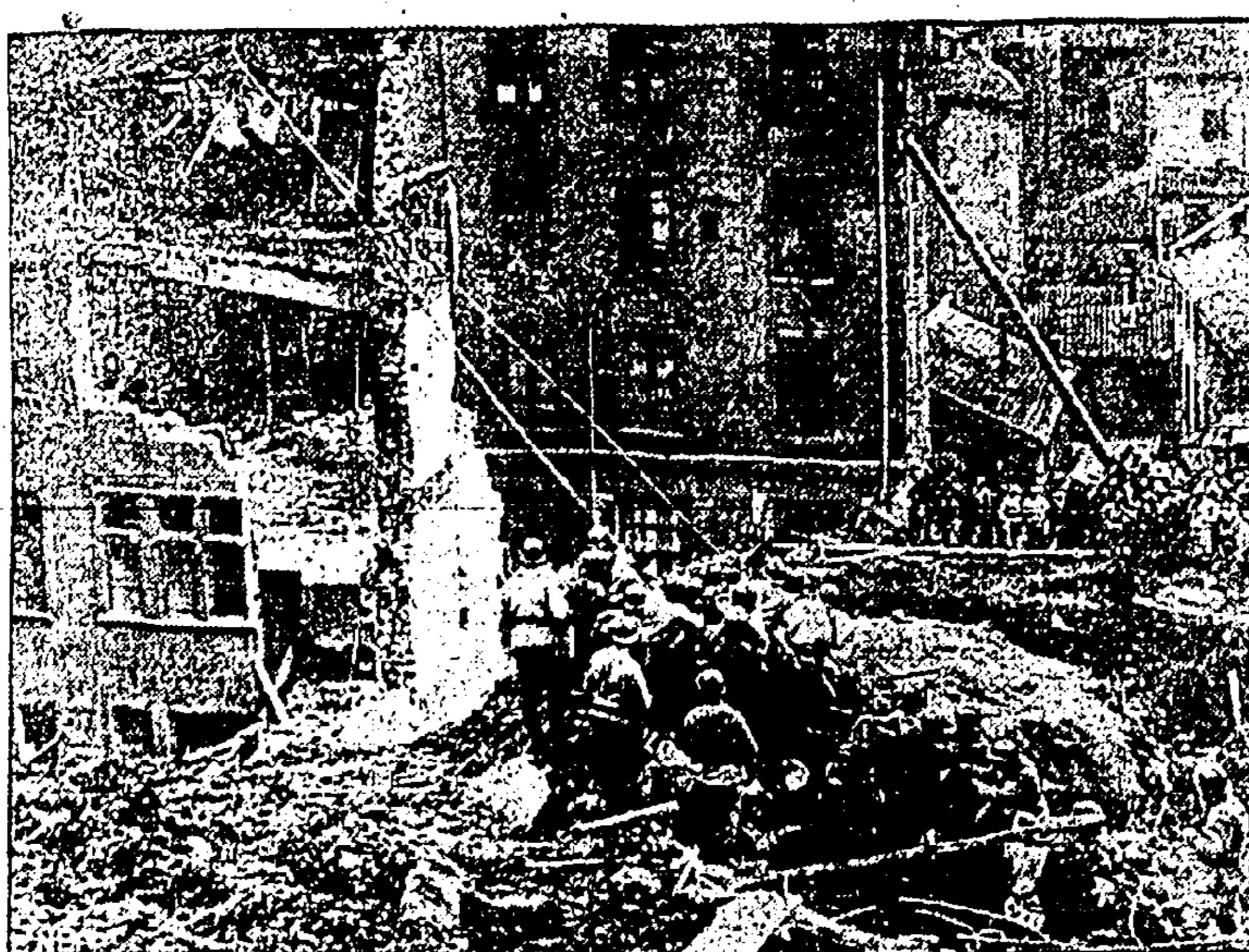
Photo taken after the wedding in Shanghai of Miss Paula Woltjen and Mr. Hans Dieckmann, which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Widmann, at Hungjao Road. Mr. Dieckmann is on the Shanghai staff of Messrs. Molchers and Company, the well-known German import, export and shipping firm.



Our photo shows (centre) Madame Barbosa, the wife of the retiring Governor of Macao, in Chinese ceremonial costume. Others in the picture are Mr. Chung Bing-him, and Mm. P. do Brito, wife of the Portuguese Consul in Shanghai.



Dr. John Brock, of Kansas, a wealthy manufacturer, receiving a trophy won in flying every day of the past year.



Another picture showing how buildings were shattered in the landslide which occurred in the Lyon region recently. The scene is reminiscent of war days. Photo shows workers pulling down wrecked buildings to prevent further danger to life.



Mrs. H. Foster Bain, a grandmother, and a friend of the Hoovers, who has just gained a pilot's license.

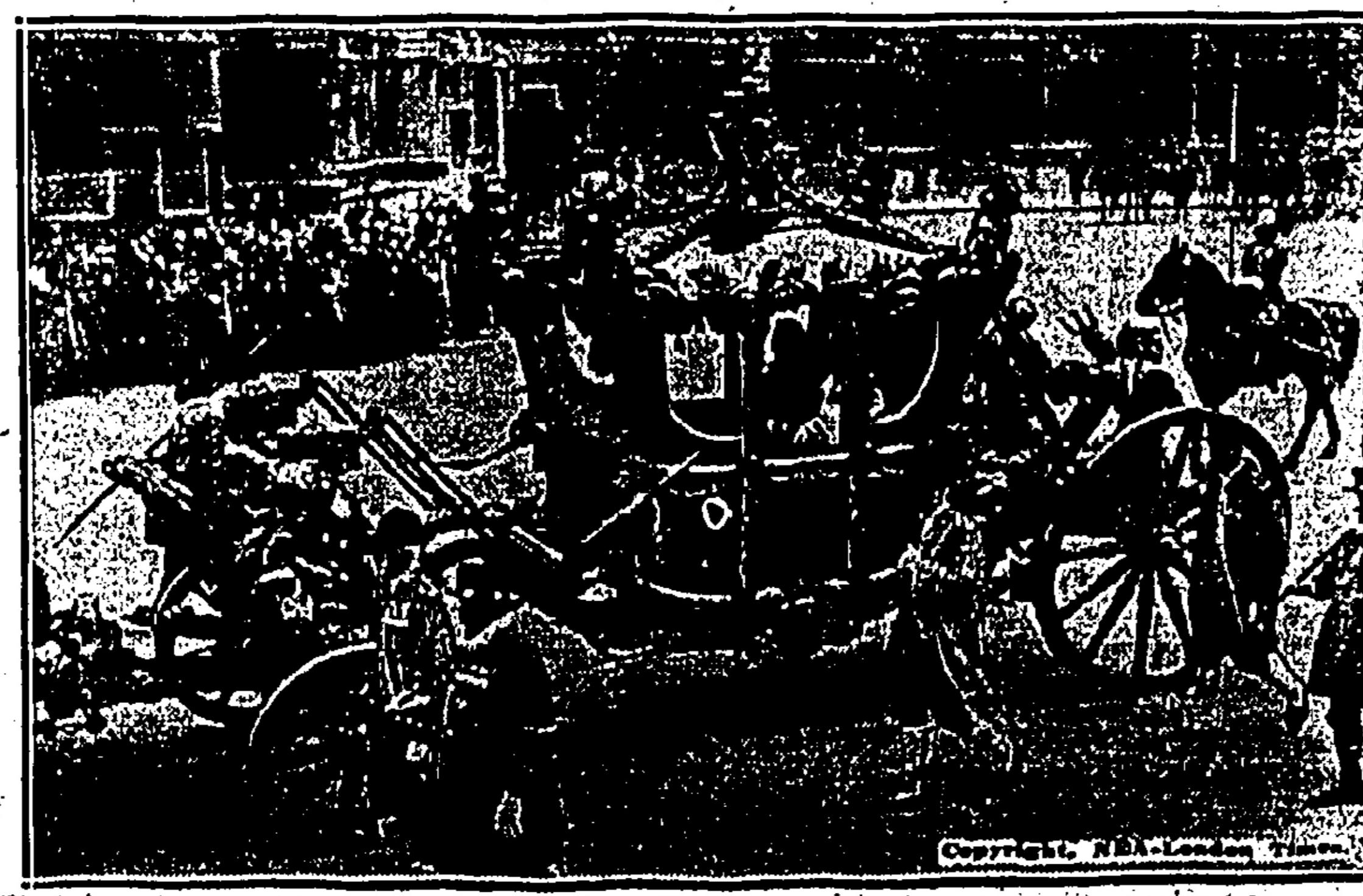


Photo taken at the ceremony of the opening of Parliament at the end of October. The traditional State Procession appeared even more colourful than usual on a bright day. The King and Queen may be observed in the Royal Coach riding through trooping streets on their way to the Houses of Parliament.



Mr. H. R. Ekins, who has replaced Mr. Randall Gould as United Press correspondent in Shanghai.



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L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hongkong, 12th January, 1931.

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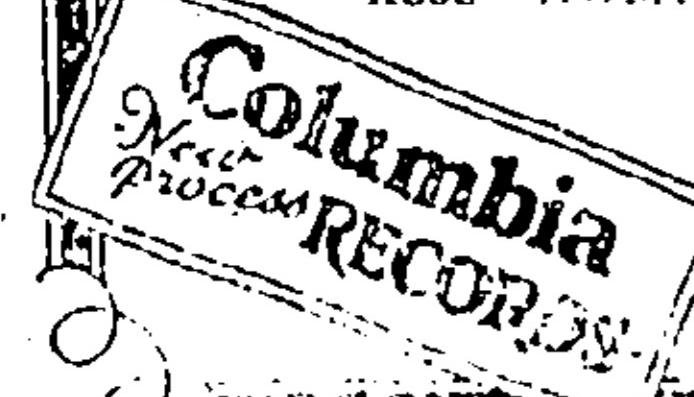
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Mercantile A. & B., \$26 n.
East Asia, \$115 b.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$1,300 n.
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NO. TRANSFERRENCES OF
POSSESSION.DECIDED BY BENCH AS NOT
A TRANSACTION.

A legal technicality, concerning the wording of the Ordinance, yesterday caused the collapse of a case of child-trafficking brought by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistracy.

A woman, named Ch' Yee, was charged with that on January 7, at No. 314, Queen's Road Central, she took part in a transaction the object, or one of the objects of which, was to transfer the possession, custody or control of a four-year-old boy, Chan Sang, by her to one Lo Sui Ping, another woman, for the sum of \$370.

The relevant Section was 45 a.

Ordinance No. 2, of 1895. Evidence adduced by the prosecution showed that Lo Sui Ping, an informer, was sent by the police to the floor, where she bargained for the sale of the child, the trap being made complete with the securing of what was alleged to be a deed of permanent presentation. A statement signed by Chan Yee after she was arrested and charged, contained an admission of the transaction.

For the defence, it was pleaded by Mr. F. H. Losoby that since the transaction was a trap, and there obviously was no intention on the part of the informer and/or the police to obtain possession of the child, the transaction lacked the "object" specified in the ordinance. The transaction, it followed, was not a bona fide one, and he submitted that the accused had no case to answer.

Inspector J. Murphy, for the Secretariat, argued that the intention at least was there on the part of the accused to sell the child.

His Worship, agreeing with Mr. Losoby, replied that the law as it stood at present, did not say anything about intention.

In discharging the woman, his Worship pointed out that he was not disbelieving the evidence of the prosecution. It was simply that the law did not seem to provide for that sort of case, where an informer had to be employed in the transaction.

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In a statement made to a representative of *The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury*, Mr. Gast declared that if the "cat" is restored there will be an immediate decrease in armed kidnapping, armed robbery and other crimes of violence.

"I base my statement," he said, "on actual experience with criminals; on facts, not theories. A few years ago a crime wave swept Hongkong, accompanied by riots. This was just before the war. Residents were stoned, police were shot and sometimes killed, and violent crimes of other natures reported.

Urgent Meeting Called.

"An urgent meeting was called by the authorities and an act was passed empowering magistrates to order the use of the cat-o'-nine-tails up to 24 lashes, for certain types of crimes.

"Before the 'cat' was applied to a criminal the police usually round up a score or more of gangsters, herded them into the prison and in full view of the whipping scene. They were told why the prisoner was being punished and were instructed to go out and tell their friends what they had witnessed."

Mr. Gast stressed that criminals in Hongkong are of the same type as those found in Shanghai and that the "cat" method of punishment proved highly satisfactory in Hongkong and would no doubt prove the same there.

He does not, however, advocate the "cat" for persons who are first offenders or for minor crimes. During the serious trouble in Hongkong, Mr. Gast stated, as high as 18 persons a day were "cat-ted" and the scene witnessed by scores of other criminals.

The Chinese gangster-criminal, Mr. Gast believes, would much rather face the prospect of five years in prison than a dozen strokes of the "cat". He related an incident of a foreigner being given 12 strokes of the "cat" at Hongkong for smuggling arms from a vessel in port.

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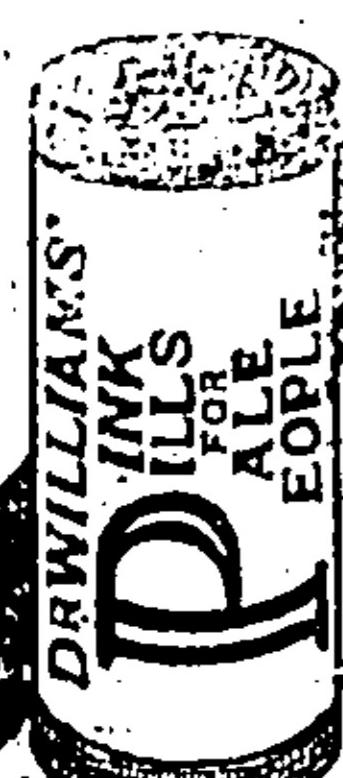
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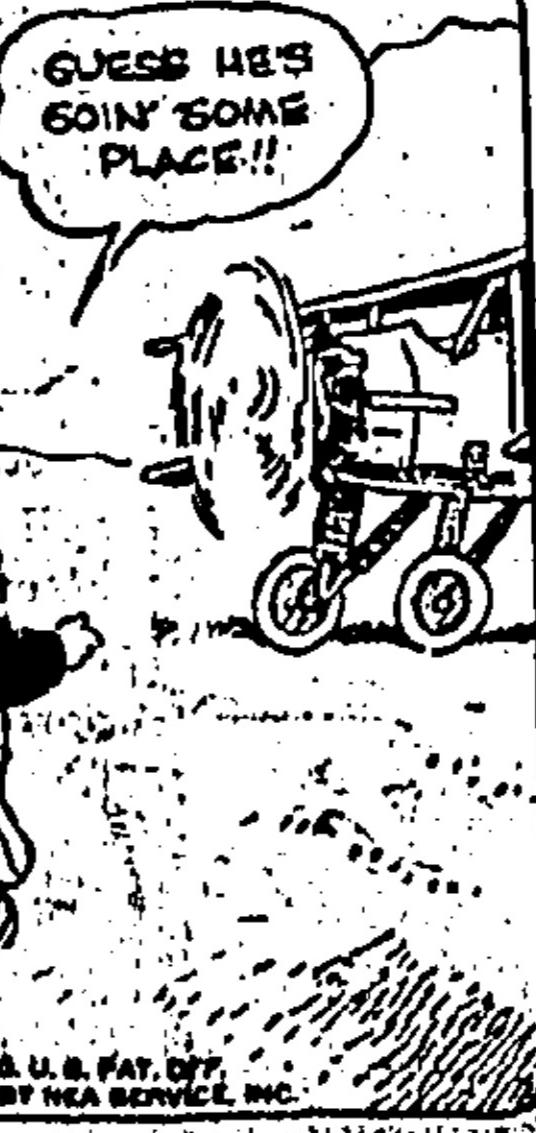
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"No, eight cents," replied the blacksmith.

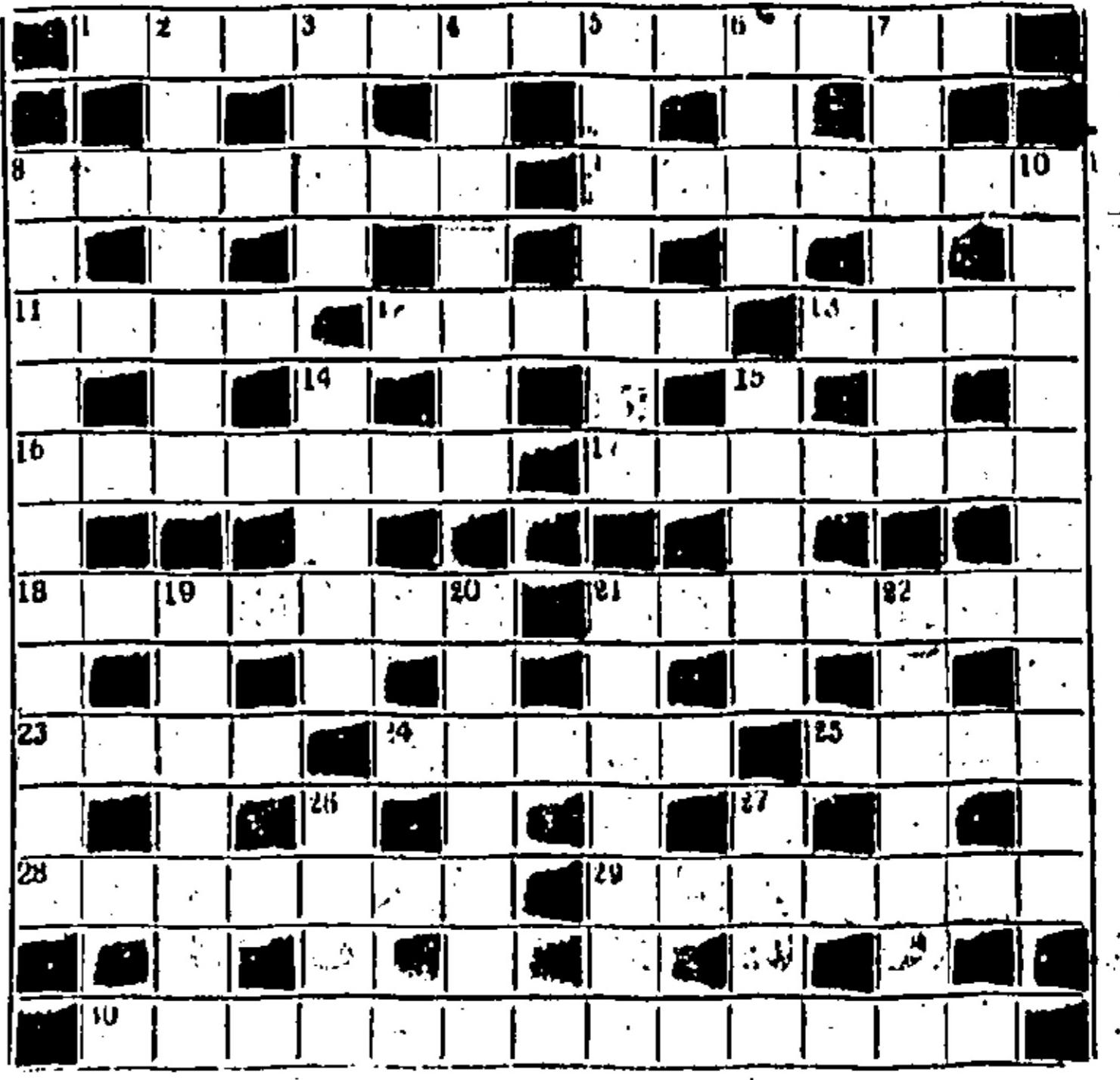
Which one was correct?

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Yesterday's Solution.

The answer to the bookworm puzzle is two and one-half inches. You will find that, when three books are placed together, as in the sketch, the first page of the first volume and the last page of the third volume are the ones that are actually nearest to the middle volume. That would mean that the book-worm has only four covers and the distance of the middle book to go, which is a total of two and one-half inches.

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Across.

- 1 "No zero in caves" (anag.).
2 This Sussex town takes its name from the French word for the swallow.
3 Troubles that are almost indulged in by lovers.
4 Having no means of verification, I once more almost gave up (hidden).
5 Stayed in a dwelling-place.
6 At the head of the chapter.
7 Put into action.
8 A little Somerset town.
9 This form of affection was very pronounced in the days of Beau Brummel.
10 Friend, declare to be true, in this idle talk.
11 Between the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.
12 What feeling of hesitation might one expect a chemist to hold?
13 Part of a sewing machine that is frequently under two feet.
14 Kick up.
15 Pink over lightly.

Yesterday's Solution.

FORESIGHTED	DOWN
DIXNITHRICE	DOWN
PISTOLNEATM	DOWN
ENDSAMPLE	DOWN
BLUNDERPIL	DOWN
OPUSDISEVERE	DOWN
TIFCAHBN	DOWN
OUTGROWOVERSET	DOWN
NESHTIT	DOWN
ENDOWSHEHESOF	DOWN
AHILPARAGONL	DOWN
SMILESLINFE	DOWN
TWRRYLKETTLE	DOWN
EMESACCEFL	DOWN
RELAWKWARDNESS	DOWN

Down.

- 2 Wealthy.
3 Clearly seen in evidence.
4 May be ruled.
5 Here part of a lock is given—in fact, it is all given.
6 The measurable part of a hoisting machine.
7 Don't worry if you can't get this clue quite right; your nearest will do.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss W. E. Dakin and Mr. S. A. Sleap invite their friends to their wedding at the Peak Church on Monday, January the 10th, at 3:30 p.m. and afterwards at Hill Crest, 114, Peak.

DEATH.

BARR.—At the Government Civil Hospital, on Monday, 12th January, 1931, William Robert Barr, age 28, late of Shanghai, only son of John Barr formerly of the Hongkong & China Gas Company, Ltd. Funeral on Wednesday, passing the Monument at 6 p.m.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JAN. 13, 1931.

THE DOLLAR AND THE TAEL.

The dollar and the tael are so completely in the doldrums that any proposal having as its object the improvement of monetary exchange rates is certain to attract the widest attention, both in Hongkong and China. Things have reached such a pass, indeed, that no suggested remedy can lightly be disregarded, no scheme, however drastic and revolutionary in its essentials, can be dismissed except after the most careful consideration. Any proposal that offers a reasonable prospect of feasibility, warrants a closer examination. This much, at least, we think, can be claimed for the suggestion advanced through our columns last week and amplified yesterday, involving the imposition by the Chinese Government of a heavy duty on importations of silver, the collection of sufficient funds to provide for a drawback cover on the metal already in the country, and strict supervision over silver movements, in and out of China. The aim, briefly stated, is to give stability to the tael at a figure calculated to be of assistance equally to importers and exporters. The author, a prominent bullion broker, who desires to preserve his anonymity, considers 2/- to be the minimum rate to which the tael should be allowed to go. The proposals therefore call for the imposition of such a duty upon silver, varying from time to time with the forward quotations of silver in London, as will guarantee this end. An illustration of the working of the scheme reveals that while the importer to-day must pay 17,200 1/3 taels for £1,000 worth of goods and, say, seven and a half per cent. duty, under the assisted tael arrangement he would pay 11,500 2/- taels for the same goods. He would pay a greater sum in ster-

ling, though so much less in taels. The sterling difference represents the contribution of the importer to the "drawback fund," which he could not grudge in the face of the immense compensation in tael equivalents. What would otherwise be a wrecking factor is apparently adequately met by the proposal to limit the export of silver to five million ounces a month.

We confess we see no overpowering objection, no insuperable obstacle, to the adoption of the plan for China, drastic as it undoubtedly is. The trouble is too grave, deep-seated, to permit of measures less vigorous if any effort at all is to be made to combat it. But what of Hongkong? The Colony's situation is not less critical. The cost of living rises rapidly, the increasing cost of government adds to the heavy burden and the savings of the European community, at least, are fast disappearing. Should the dollar remain at its present ludicrously low level, poverty will stalk the footsteps of a large part of the community (presuming "adjustment" continues to lag so heavily in the rear) and the Treasury will be the first to admit insolvency. The best thought of our currency "experts" has not, as far as we are aware, carried them beyond the ritualistic doctrine that Hongkong must follow China. The question naturally arises, What would be the position of Hongkong presuming the Nanking Finance Minister thought favourably of the silver duty proposal? It is obvious at once that, without considerable modifications, the plan is not applicable to Hongkong. We have no great customs organisation adaptable for the primary workings of the scheme. The Government would derive no advantage from the savings on its sterling commitments, heavy as they are, if those savings were required to cover a drawback, while drawback contributions from importers could not be collected in existing conditions.

We can conceive of no stronger argument in favour of independent action by the Government. If it be proved impracticable to place a heavy local duty on silver, what becomes of the "Follow China" dictum in the event of Nanking action along such lines? It falls to the ground so completely that Humpty Dumpty of nursery fame would offer a simple task of reconstruction by comparison. If that were all, it would be quite enough. When, however, we consider the probable effects on Hongkong's trade of such a situation, China trading on an assisted tael and Hongkong tied helplessly to silver, the demand gathers urgency. We have at all times declined to admit that stabilisation offers serious difficulties. The Colony has been drifting to disaster in the wake of a dead-wood dictum. It is fully in the hands of the Government to make life much easier for the residents of the Colony, and to settle all its own financial problems at one and the same time. Courage and resource are the chief requirements. Even the idea of introducing the pound sterling and shillings and pence into the Colony is not more fantastic than the daily dollar deviations.

The War Debt Question.

When we commented, a few days ago, on the question of the desirability of a cancellation or modification of the war debts, in the interests of world trade, we hardly expected advocacy of that course to come so soon from an American quarter. As will be seen by an overnight telegram, however, the Chairman of the Chase National Bank has now come forward with the view that it would be good business for the United States Government to initiate debt reduction at this juncture. In our recent comments, we showed that much of the present burden of trade depression could be lifted if this war debt problem were squarely faced. It is now certain that if the United States were to broach the matter, there would be a ready response in Europe, not

DAY BY DAY

OF ALL THAT WE KNOW, THERE IS PRACTICALLY NOTHING THAT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY DIRECT INVESTIGATION ON OUR PART: EVERY NOTION WE HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY US ON THE WORD OF SOMEONE ELSE.—*Cleopatra*.

The Empress of Canada, arrived at Vancouver on the 20th instant.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cormie returned by the s.s. President Macdonald.

The Empress of Japan, from Manila, is due here at 1:00 p.m. to-morrow and will anchor off Kowloon Docks.

Owing to the death of the Princess Royal, the Canton Branch of the Society of St. George have postponed their annual ball until February 28th.

so much because the debtor countries do not like paying, but because the colossal dislocation of trade which the payment of these vast sums entails has had such a serious effect on the economic situation. Quite recently, the leading British banking authority showed that the United States and France, the two creditor nations, are themselves seriously feeling the effect of pressure of war debts and reparations upon the debtor nations, thus wholeheartedly supporting the recent statement of Sir Robert Borden in Ottawa that debt repayment is at the root of much of the existing commercial stagnation. The trouble is that in order to accumulate the necessary amount of foreign currency, the debtors have to stimulate their exports on an uncommercial basis. This process induces the cry of sweat labour and dumping, with the result that tariffs are raised against the goods in question. Yet somehow these goods must be sold if the creditor is to be paid, and so prices fall and general unemployment begins to manifest itself in the debtor countries, whereupon the creditors get uneasy and become still more inclined to take nothing but gold in payment. Thus a vicious circle is being established—the more the creditors are uneasy, the more they demand gold; and the more they demand gold, the more does their uneasiness appear to be justified. On the point of the nature of the war debts, it is pertinent to observe that they stand in quite a different category from ordinary commercial debts. The Allied debts were incurred, and their loans were made, not for the separate advantage of each or any of them, but for one great purpose common to all, and amongst generously minded people, the mere monetary aspect will never be regarded as a thing apart. It is the special nature of these inter-Government war debts which provides justification for concession and adjustment which it would be wholly impracticable to concede to any other type of debts.

What booming trade means to a country as compared with stagnant industries can best be grasped by the statistics of the Ministry of Labour. Glasgow's unemployed is now almost 90,000. For years it has not fallen below the 50,000 mark. London, eight times larger and growing every year, has an unemployed total of only 188,468. In one year the population of England and Wales rose by 125,000 or 1.32 per cent. That estimate of the Registrar-General is borne out by the statistics of the Labour Exchange; for as men move about the country seeking for work their movements are tabulated at the bureaux.

Crippled Industries.

It has been established beyond the shadow of a doubt that in the last five years the insured population in the southern half of England has steadily increased, while the northern half of England has slowly declined, and Scotland's population has dwindled appreciably. At the moment the southern half of England includes almost 50 per cent. of the total insured population. Wales, whose population was supported by the coal industry, has dwindled rapidly, the population having to move elsewhere to find employment. Scotland's industries, and especially those of coal mining,

STAGNANT SCOTLAND.

The Causes of her Dwindling Population.

ON April 26, 1931, there is to be a census of the population of Great Britain. It is ten years since the last census, but on that occasion, owing to a mining strike, the census was postponed from April to June, and on the day selected many people were at the seaside enjoying the warm sunny weather. St. Andrews, moreover, was crowded out with competitors and visitors for the Open Golf Championship, which was held during the following week. It will be no surprise if St. Andrews finds its population considerably reduced when next year's figures are available.

But what about Scotland as a whole? According to the latest estimates of the Registrar-General, Scotland's population is dwindling and has been on the down grade for years. It is his belief that during the twelve months of 1929 the decrease was as much as 0.18 per cent. or 9,000, and that the total now stands at 4,884,000. Before the war we had regarded the population of Scotland as five millions in round figures. The heavy toll of deaths due to the war, the steady drain of emigration, and the lower ratio of unemployment in the south of England as compared with Scotland, have all contributed to reduce the total of Scotland's population.

Add to these things the effect which safeguarding and special duties have had. New factories sprang up along the main roads and by the side of the principal railways near London, but largely missed Scotland. By mass production of new wares, keen organisation, more modern methods of salesmanship, the big multiple traders from the south have penetrated into the north of England and Scotland, and the trade which they are capturing is keeping factories busy in the south of England. In the smallest country town in Scotland the English manufacturers and traders have their retail stores and their agencies. Ten years ago these were very rare; but nowadays they are to be found everywhere, and always with fine premises and on the best sites. Scottish Emigrants.

During the boom years in the United States the flow of emigration across the Atlantic was very great. It has fallen off now. Commencing, however, about the winter of 1921-22, artisans in thousands sought employment in the United States. If unemployment now prevails in America and the flow of emigration has decreased, yet tens of thousands of people from Scotland have now settled and become citizens of an alien country. During five years it is estimated that emigration to Canada and the United States carried with it as many Scots as English, though the population of

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"My ideal of a husband is one who is amiable and agreeable and yet at the same time dominant and protective."

"Lady, lady, it sounds as though you wished to eat your breadwinner and have him too."

LOCAL AVIATION ENTERPRISE.**AMERICAN COMPANY OPENS IN HONGKONG.****PLANES FOR CANTON.**

Further local developments in aviation are foreshadowed by the opening up in Hongkong of the L. E. Gale and Company, Ltd., Inc., U.S.A., of Shanghai and Hankow, a company carrying considerable aviation interests which is well known in the North. Mr. A. W. Summers, formerly connected with Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Limited, and who was the first Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Flying Club, has been placed in charge of the South China headquarters for the Company's Aviation Division, his offices being located on the top floor of Union Building.

The Aviation Division is under supervision of Mr. G. W. Brophy, United States transport pilot, who has had many years of experience in aviation in Mexico, Central America and the United States.

The expansion of aircraft development in China within recent years is notable, evidence of this being found in the number of machines which took part in the recent uprising in the North, but with the cessation of hostilities commercial enterprise is taking a hand, and more and more attention is being directed to the peaceful branch of flying. China presents an extremely large field for transport by air because of the very meagre transport facilities available by rail and water routes, and those air lines already in existence give promise of much extension in the future.

With business connexions established over a large area, the establishment of mail and passenger routes running to schedule will be welcomed by business men in China, as they will be in much closer touch with sub-agencies, branches and important centres in the interior.

A welcoming hand is extended to Mr. Summers, for his success may indirectly mean much in the way of facilitating business operations and communications in China. The L. E. Gale Company have offices at Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Chungking, and they are representatives in the Far East for the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation, the Detroit Aircraft Corporation, the Waco Aircraft Company, the Glenn L. Martin Company and the Warner Aircraft Corporation.

The Company has sold and delivered over 75 aeroplanes in less than two years. Recently an agreement was entered into for the Company to supply six Waco Military Type aeroplanes, powered with 240 h.p. engines, and two Model B-5 Ryan commercial machines, to the Canton Aviation Bureau. Both the Ryans are, at present, engaged on the Canton-Wuchow air line, under the supervision of the Canton Government.

LOCAL ESTATES.**PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Family bequests are contained in the will of the late Mr. Cecil Percy Dawson, retired from the Chinese Maritime Customs, late of No. 100, Avenue du Roi Albert, Shanghai, who died at Shanghai on November 12, 1930, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$10,500. Re-sealing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the widow, Pauline Louise Dawson, of Shanghai. The late Mr. Dawson was formerly of Victoria, Canada.

Chung Lam, formerly employed as a conductor by the Tramway Company of Manila, who died intestate at No. 18, Yunnan Lane, Yaumati, on or about July 16, 1930, left local estate worth \$3,200. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Chung Tsui-shi, living at the Yunnan Lane address.

Local estate to the value of \$1,000 was left by the late Mrs. Margaret Broadbald, missionary, who died at the Matilda Hospital on January 31, 1930. Letters of administration have been granted to her husband Mr. Emmett Lackey Broadbald, also a missionary, living at No. 25, Pei Kong Road, Kowloon City.

Two electric motor pumps, valued at \$70, were stolen yesterday from the basement of No. 55 and 57, Wongnichong Road. They were the property of X. B. Lee, a building contractor, and his folks are suspected of having been the culprits.

Bill Melhorn and Bobby Cruickshank, the noted American golfers, arrived in the Colony this morning and were met by Col. Mathew, Secretary of the Golf Club. They are to meet in an exhibition match at Fanling to-morrow afternoon, an attraction which is sure to appeal to all golf enthusiasts.

THE INDIA FEDERAL UNION PLAN.

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empowered to secure the enactment of such legislative measures as may be essential for the discharging of his responsibilities on these subjects. The Sub-Committee anticipated that in the event of its becoming necessary to use these powers, the Governor-General would not ordinarily do so without consulting his Ministers, even though the responsibility for any action taken would be his.

Constitutional Rights.

Regarding the subjects in the administration on which the Governor-General would act on the advice of his Ministers, it is generally agreed that in the last resort he must be responsible for the arrangements for securing peace and tranquillity in any part of India. Members of the Public Services must be secured in any right guaranteed to them by the Constitution, and it is agreed for this purpose that the Governor-General must have special powers.

In the sphere of finance, the Sub-Committee regarded as a fundamental condition of success of the new Constitution that no room should be left for doubts as to the ability of India to maintain her financial stability, both at home and abroad.

It would, therefore, be necessary to reserve to the Governor-General such essential powers as would enable him to intervene if methods were being pursued which would prejudice India in the money markets of the world.

The Sub-Committee recommend that efforts should be made to establish on a sure foundation, and free from any political influence, as early as possible, a Reserve Bank entrusted with this management of currency and exchange. With the same object, provisions should be made for the introduction of a Bill dealing with coinage.

The Sub-Committee were further agreed that the services of a loan for adequate provision for salaries and pensions of persons appointed under the guarantees given by the Secretary of State should be secured, along with special requirements, as a Consolidated Fund Charge.

Fiscal Policy.

With this exception, there would be no difference between the Finance Minister and any other Minister, and with regard to taxation and fiscal policy he would be responsible.

The Sub-Committee recognised that it may be difficult under existing conditions to set up a Reserve Bank immediately, and therefore special provision will be necessary in the meantime to secure to the Governor-General adequate control of monetary policy and currency.

They assume also that the Governor-General will continue to have the right of refusing assent to legislative measures and of returning any Bill for consideration, and subject to any instructions issued to the Governor-General, that the existing powers as to reservations and this allowance will remain.

In the event of a breakdown of the Constitution, adequate powers must be entrusted with the Governor-General for the purpose of enabling the King's Government to be carried on.

Legislature Issue.

In regard to the Legislature, the Sub-Committee proceed on the basis there will be two Chambers—an Upper House, or Senate, comprising 150 members, and a Lower House comprising 200 members.

As to the qualification of members of the Upper House, it is suggested that a principle similar to those in force for the Council of State should apply in British India, and that the States should take measures to ensure the appointment of men of similar standing. The Committee suggests that the Provincial Legislatures should elect members to the Senate by a single transferable vote and that a fixed proportion of members of the Senate be re-elected at regular periods.

The term of the Lower Chamber members should be five years, unless the Legislature were dissolved sooner by the Governor-General.

Difference of Opinion.

As regards the distribution of seats, there was difference of opinion in the Committee, as also on the method of election, whether direct or indirect. Subject to any decisions of the Conference, places should be found for the minorities if possible in both Chambers, and certainly in the Lower Chamber for the depressed classes, Indian Christians, Europeans, Anglo-Indians, landlords, commercial representatives both European and Indian, and Labour.

For the purpose of securing greater stability to the Executive, the suggestion was made, and found large support, that Ministers should not be compelled to resign unless there was an adverse vote of two-thirds of both Cham-

COUNTERFEIT COIN POSSESSION.**TWO WOMEN SENTENCED AT KOWLOON.****SHOPS VICTIMISED.**

Two women named Cheung Mo and Chan Mui respectively, were brought by Sub-Inspector Elston before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of having uttered four counterfeit ten-cent pieces and of possession.

The first defendant was also charged with possession of three counterfeit ten-cent pieces with intent to utter, and the second defendant with possession of eleven counterfeit ten-cent pieces with intent to utter.

Chan Kui-tai, shop fok of 18, Tai Kok Ling Street, said the two defendants came to the shop on Sunday and bought four pairs of cloths. They tendered sixty cents in ten-cent pieces. They went away, but the first defendant returned later and bought two more pairs, paying twenty-five cents in three ten-cent pieces. She was given five cents change. After she had gone, witness discovered that six ten-cent pieces were bad and three were good. He ran out into the street and saw the two defendants and asked them to change the six ten-cent pieces which they did.

Leung Tung, fok of a grocery shop in 14, Nga Tsin Wai Road, said that on Sunday just the two defendants came to the shop and each purchased some articles. They paid for each article they bought as it was delivered. The money was received by the accountant. He did not see the money they tendered.

The accountant of the shop, Wan Kam-pui, said that each of the defendants tendered two ten-cent pieces each for the eggs they bought. He gave them back nine cents. They each tendered two ten-cent pieces as they bought the other articles and were given their change back. Each of them gave four ten-cent pieces. Witness gave two of the ten-cent pieces to another customer who drew his attention to the fact that they were counterfeit. He then called his fok and told him to run after the two women. The defendants were brought back to the shop and handed them over to a Chinese detective.

After further evidence, the first defendant said that she received the coins among some change from a cloth seller, and together with the second defendant she went to pass the coins to others. They did not know the coins were bad until the cloth seller informed them of the fact.

Mr. Butters convicted the defendants on the first charge and sentenced them to four months each. The first defendant was discharged on the second count and the second defendant sentenced to four months' concurrent with the first sentence on the second count against her.

SIXTEEN RUNNERS FINED.**ONE FISHED OUT OF THE HARBOUR.**

No fewer than sixteen boarding-house runners were brought before the Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hale, at the Marine Court this morning for boarding the President Pierce yesterday without permission from the master or the officer on duty. All pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inspector Munro informed his Worship that the defendants got on board before the President Pierce had been made fast alongside Kowloon Wharf. The police were called and the defendants were accordingly arrested. One of them attempted to escape by jumping overboard, but he was taken out of the water into custody.

The defendants were fined \$10 each, with the exception of four who had appeared before on the same offence. One had served three months and the maximum fine of \$50 was imposed on this defendant, while the other three were fined \$25 each.

The term of the Lower Chamber members should be five years, unless the Legislature were dissolved sooner by the Governor-General.

Task Nearly Over.

The Round Table Conference is expected to end its task this week. It has been provisionally arranged to hold a full meeting of the Conference in committee on Thursday and Friday, and a Plenary Session on the latter day, when the Prime Minister will make a speech outlining the Government's proposals, to be embodied in a measure for presentation to Parliament.

The delegates expect to say farewell one to another next Monday at the latest.—British Wireless.

PAYMENT OF TAXES IN CANADA.**C. P. R. PRESIDENT ANSWERS C. N.R. OFFICIAL.**

"The figures quoted by the president of the Canadian National Railways in respect of the taxes paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company during the years 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 fall very far short of telling the whole story," said E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in commenting on the taxation references of Sir Henry Thornton in his address before the Toronto Board of Trade Club recently.

"It was stated by the speaker," Mr. Beatty continued, "that the federal, provincial and municipal taxes paid by the Canadian National during these four years amounted to \$18,709,000, or an amount only \$8,000,000 less than that paid by the Canadian Pacific. While it may be possible that the figures were intended to be confined to taxes paid in respect of railway operations only, the fact is that during this period the Canadian Pacific actually paid in taxes of all classes over \$31,400,000, or approximately \$12,600,000, instead of \$8,000,000, more than the figure given for the Canadian National. Of the total amount paid by the Canadian Pacific, \$30,700,000 was paid in Canadian taxes, whereas in the newspapers the Negro Republic has been described as 'tolerant.' In the Commissioners' terms, 'conditions of criminal compulsion scarcely distinguishable from slave-raiding and slave trading.'

The Times says—"The report exposes a maladministration so cruel and so corrupt, and the exploitation of native workers by their Negro masters so scandalous and so shameless, that the civilized world will not be satisfied until effective measures have been taken to substitute a system of justice for this reign of brute force, and to establish decent conditions of labour. The method by which the desired introduction of reforms can best be effected, is rather delicate and a difficult international question. Liberia is a member of the League of Nations. These affairs are at the same time considered in Washington to be a peculiar concern of the United States, and the attitude of the State Department in Washington is thus clearly of immediate importance."

In the meantime, the British Government has entered consideration of the report as an item on the agenda of the League Council at its forthcoming session. International diplomacy will have to be circumspect as well as resolute, in order to ensure that national susceptibilities do not hamper the action which the united opinion of civilization will demand."—British Wireless.

LIBERIAN SLAVE SCANDAL.**UNDERTAKING TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS.****COUNTER-MEASURES.**

Geneva, Jan. 12. The Secretariat of the League of Nations has issued a copy of a letter received from the Liberian Charge D'Affaires at Geneva, stating that the Liberian Government accepts the principle of the recommendations of the International Commission of Inquiry, and undertakes to apply them "to the full extent of its resources."—Reuters.

Strong Press Comment.

London, Jan. 12. The report of the International Commission of Enquiry into the existence of slavery and forced labour in the Republic of Liberia, is given much prominence in the newspapers. The report shows that this Negro Republic has been tolerating, in the Commissioners' terms, "conditions of criminal compulsion scarcely distinguishable from slave-raiding and slave trading."

The Times says—"The report exposes a maladministration so

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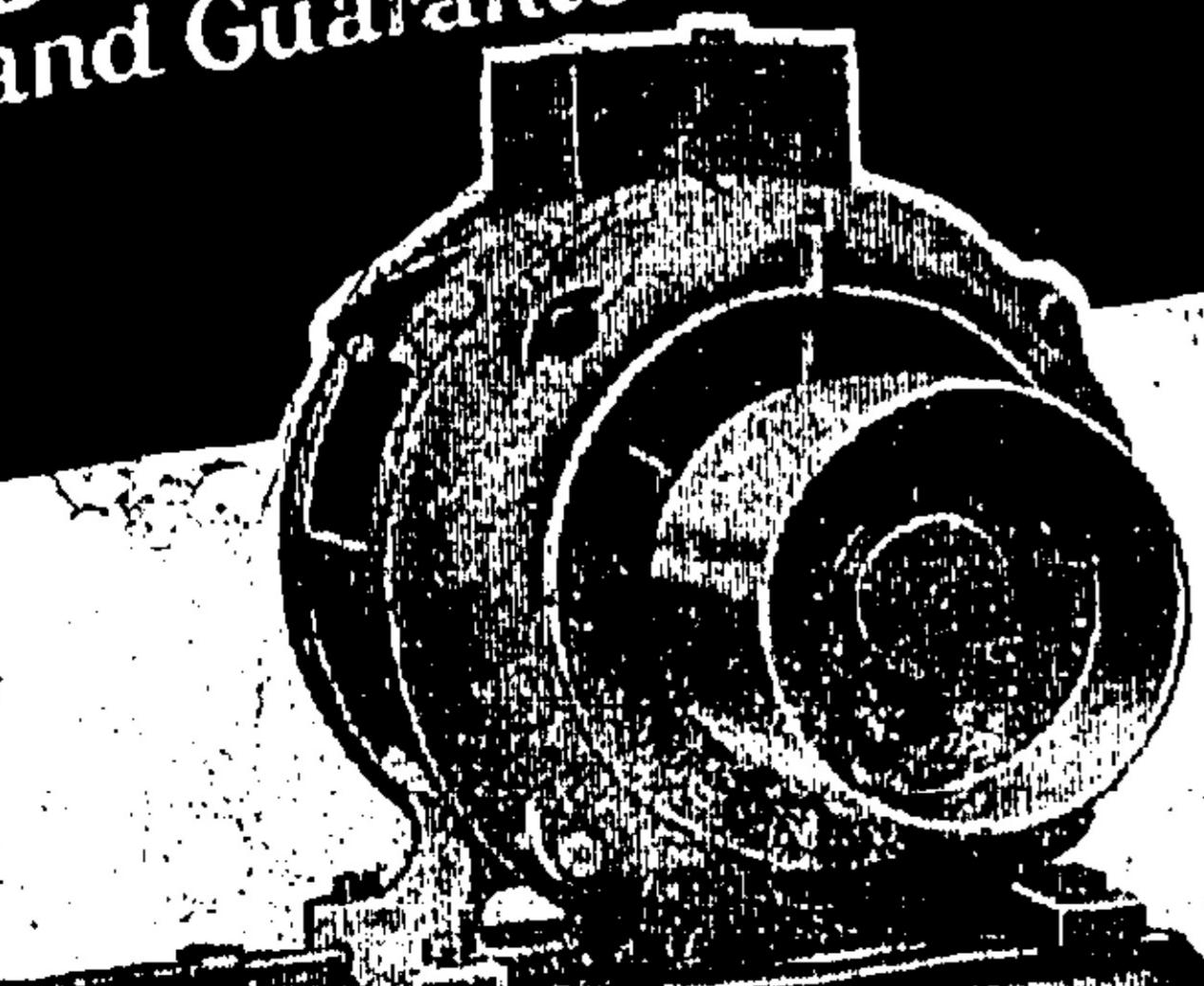
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CANTON RIDE.

GOOD SPORT AT NEW YEAR'S MEETING.

Canton, Jan 12. The Canton Ride held their New Year Meeting yesterday on the new aviation ground at Tungshan which was loaned by the courtesy of the Chief of the Aviation Department. In excellent weather, which was not too cold, some very good sport was provided. Results:

Honan Plate.—One mile flat race for "B" class China ponies to be owned and ridden by a member. Miss Claire Hayward's Silver King(Owner) 1 Mr. Lehmann's Maori(Mr. Hardt) 2 General Wong Keung's Fifty(Owner) 3 Pari-mutuel.—Winner (one dollar tickets) \$10.20; 1st \$1.70; 2nd, \$4.70; 3rd, \$3.50.

Also ran:—Frank (Mr. Balot), Caligula (Mr. Janssen), Girly (Mr. Gavin), Schick (Mr. Walk), Brown Eve (Mr. Ng).

Won by a length; half a length between 2nd and 3rd.

Pagoda Handicap.—1½ miles flat race for "A" class ponies to be owned by a member.

General Chan Ming-shu's Glorious Star(Mr. Lo Ming-wa) 1

General Wong Keung's Rio Colorado(Mr. Ng) 2

Mr. Walk's Zircon II(Owner) 3

Pari-mutuel.—Winner, \$2.30; 1st, \$1.50; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, \$1.00.

Won by a hand; half a length between 2nd and 3rd.

Also ran:—Incontrovertible (Mr. S. W. Tang) King Thrush (Mr. Rafeek), Temple Handicap.—1½ miles flat race for "A" class ponies to be owned and ridden by a member.

Catch weights at 165 lbs.

Admiral Chan Chak's Browne Eve (Mr. Ng Sui-ting) 1

Mr. Lehmann's Maori (Mr. Hardt) 2

Miss Claire Hayward's Silver King(Owner) 3

Pari-mutuel.—Winner, \$2.30; 1st,

\$1.10; 2nd, 3rd, 70 cents.

Won by two lengths; many lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Also ran:—Fifty (Gen. Wong), Caligula (Mr. Gavin).

Tallyho Plate.—1½ miles hurdle race for "A" class ponies to be owned and ridden by a member, weights as allotted.

Dr. Canaval's Macauas (Owner) 1

Mr. Lo Ming-wa's Discord (Dr. Credner) 2

Pari-mutuel.—Winner, \$1.80; 1st,

\$1.40; 2nd, \$1.10.

Also ran:—King Thrush (Mr. Rafeek), Samaritan (Mr. Huygen).

Won by a length and a half. A neck between 2nd and 3rd (Samaritan).

New Year Maldon Plate.—3½ miles flat race for ponies which have started at this or the Autumn meeting and not placed first or second in any event. Catch weights at 145 lbs.

General Wong Keung's Fifty(Owner) 1

Mr. Lehmann's Doric (Mr. Gavin) 2

Pari-mutuel.—Winner, \$13.30; 1st,

\$2.80; 2nd, \$1.70; 3rd, 60 cents.

Also ran:—Fiji (Mr. Galloway).

Incontrovertible (Mr. S. W. Tang).

Won by two lengths; many lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

The Christmas Sweepstakes was drawn on the 4th Race, when No. 711 drew first, No. 431 second, No. 634 third.

The New Year Sweepstakes was drawn on the 5th Race, when No. 624 drew first, No. 1342 second, No. 395 third.

Prizes Presented.

After the final race, Madame Chan Ming-shu presented the various trophies won during the meeting, at the conclusion of which Mr. J. H. Ferguson, Master of the Hunt, in a short but very apt speech, thanked His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu, the Patron of the Ride, for his unflinching support, the Chief of the Aviation Department for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held on the aviation ground, and called for three cheers for Madame Chan Ming-shu, which were heartily given.

Among those present at the meeting were:—H.E. General Chan Ming-shu and Madame Chan Ming-shu, Admiral Chan Chak, General Wong Keung, General Auyen Kui, Mr. Tung Man-kui and other well-known Chinese ladies and gentlemen, Mr. H. Phillips, C.M.G., O.B.E., H.B.M., Consul General, and Mrs. Phillips; Mr. A. L. Tucson, H.B.M. Vice-Consul and Mrs. Tucson; Mr. J. W. Ballantine, American Consul General, and Mrs. Ballantine; Mr. Chamberlain, American Vice-Consul and his mother.

The following officials officiated:—Judges, H.E. General Chan Ming-shu, Mr. H. Shubert, Mr. A. Hoffmeister and Mr. H. Lehmann; starter, Dr. Credner; Clerk of the Course, Mr. J. H. Ferguson; Stewards, General Wong Keung, General Auyen Kui, Mr. Gavin, Mr. Hardt; in charge of the scales, Mr. P. Youngusband.

The attendance was by far the largest ever seen at a Canton Ride Meeting and the result must have been very gratifying to the Committee who have worked so hard

TUNGSHAN GOLF CLUB.

ANTHONY WINS CAPTAIN'S CUP AGAIN.

Canton, Jan 12. In the semi-finals of the Captain's Cup, played off yesterday morning at the Tungshan Golf Club, E. R. Hill beat W. F. Gilman by 4 and 3, and B. Anthony beat C. E. Watson by 3 and 2.

The final between Hill and Anthony was very interesting and some good golf was seen. Hill started by winning the first three holes, and after this the game was even until Anthony won the 8th and 9th, to be all square at the turn. From the turn to the 14th, the game was evenly contested, but with Anthony taking the 14th, 15th and 16th. He beat Hill by 4 up and 2 to play, Anthony thereby winning the Captain's Cup for two years in succession.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

H.M.S. MEDWAY WIN BILLIARDS CUP.

UNEXPECTED VICTORY OVER THE R.E. TEAM.

The billiards team from H.M.S. Medway unexpectedly defeated the R.E. by 3 games to 2, in the final of the billiards contest played at the Sailors and Soldiers Home, last night. At the conclusion, the cups for the winning side and the runners-up team, and the medals for the individual members of the winning team, were presented by Mrs. Astney, wife of the Rev. J. C. Knight Astney.

Some very good play was witnessed, and the naval men are to be congratulated on doing as well as they did. The R.E. side included the army champion, Corporal Cottle. Score:

R. E.	H. M. S.
Southers	51 Cottle
	164 Pollard
Vandy	160 Smith
Harrap	150 Batchey
Almond	150 Maynard

LOCAL YACHTING.

RESULTS OF SIXTH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

The sixth Ladies' Championship races under the auspices of the R.H.K. Yacht Club were sailed yesterday, with the following results:

H. Class, Started 3.05 p.m.

Times.	Finished Circled Piton
Diana	4.28.41 4.22.58
Colleen	4.36.46 4.18.52
Rolla	4.23.57 4.19.42
Lt Linda	4.24.44 4.19.52
Norema	4.20.40 4.20.45
Dorothy	4.26.89 4.18.45

I. Y. and G Class, Started 3.10 p.m.

Daphne 4.38.17 4.38.17

Why Wonder? 4.40.32 4.41.43

Wings 4.41.63 4.40.04

Bluejacket 4.39.36 4.37.47

Boojum 4.38.51 4.37.12

Speedwell 4.41.04 4.39.15

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EXCHANGE RATES.

Previous Day	Yesterday
Paris	123.72½ 123.72½
London	25.05½ 25.04½
Berlin	20.41½ 20.41½
Oslo	18.16½ 18.16½
Helsingfors	192½ 192½
Athens	325 375
Buenos Aires	347/16 341.13/10
Shanghai	1/3½ 1/3½
New York	4.65.15/32 4.65.22
Amsterdam	12.06½ 12.00½
Stockholm	18.14½ 18.14½
Vienna	34.05½ 34.51½
Madrid	46.15 47.05
Bucharest	818 818
Montevideo	34½ 34½
Hongkong	11½ 11½
Eurasia	34.82½ 34.82½
Milan	92.74½ 92.75½
Copenhagen	18.16½ 18.16½
Lisbon	108.25 108.25
Prague	163½ 163½
Yokohama	4.9/16 4.11/16
Bombay	1/6½ 1/6½
Silver (spot)	13½ 13.16/16
(forward) 13½ 13.13/13	

CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS TEAM FOR SUNDAY.

The following will represent the volunteers against the Police on Sunday:—Capt. H. C. Evans (Capt.), A. C. Book, A. Held, G. G. Muller, K. H. Batger, P. W. J. Plummer, F. J. Caveney, J. D. A. Hutchison, H. S. Clippingdale, R. G. U. Head, W. E. Hunt.

HOCKEY.

The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. second hockey eleven against the University second eleven at King's Park to-day at 5 p.m.:

Scotter, Dohner, Tipple, Macy, Allen, W. J. Brown, Muller, Bates, W. H. Smith, Ashton, Connell.

In promoting this very excellent Club, the meeting, which was extremely well organised, went off without a hitch, the spectators and punters enjoying a delightful afternoon sport.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

CINEMA NOTES.

JOAN CRAWFORD HEARD IN DRAMATIC HIT.

An engrossing story, strikingly beautiful backgrounds, and superb performances upon the part of Jean Crawford, Anita Page, Dorothy Sebastian, Robert Montgomery, Raymond Hackett, John Miljan and a large supporting cast contrive to make "Our Blushing Brides" which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, effective entertainment from start to finish.

The plot centres about three girls who work in the same department store and share rooms. They are fed up with the monotony of their lives, clock-punching, salteessen meals, made-over dresses and all the other milestones of poverty and each awaits the opportunity to escape from a humdrum existence. Consequently when David Jardine, son of the department-store owner, begs Connie to let him establish her in a Park Avenue apartment with a promise of a future marriage as soon as he straightens things out with his family, she throws all caution to the wind and accepts. Francine too thinks she has solved her problems when she marries Martin, a customer whose extravagant purchases indicate an bottomless wallet. When Tony Jardine, David's older brother, tries to make a play for Geraldine, the last of the trio, she sees through his intentions and spurns his offer.

As events turned out, the level-headed Jerry was the only one who came out of the subsequent dramatic episodes without a scratch. Connie discovers that Dave is about to marry an heiress and attempts suicide and Francine learns that she has married a thief. Geraldine and Tony are re-united in a surprise climax.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have given John Crawford a lavish background for her new starring vehicle. From the locale of the department store and the meager quarters of the three girls, the scenes shift to what are undoubtedly the smartest and most modernistic interiors yet seen on the screen. A brilliant torch is a spectacular fashion-show held on the lawns of what is represented as being the Jardine Long Island estate which more than one hundred new style creations are revealed. A second lavish detail is an Alverting starch ballet in which Miss Crawford is seen in some unusual dances.

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[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

SIR.—May I trespass further on your generosity by asking you to publish this letter of thanks in connexion with the recent appeal for donations on behalf of the above Society. The ready response and the co-operation of all concerned expresses in itself the necessity for such an organisation. I take this opportunity on behalf of the Society to thank all who contributed to the success of the Drive. Special thanks being due to the following for their untiring efforts:—Mrs. Losenby, who was largely responsible for the method of collecting, also the Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. D. Black and Mr. J. H. A. Hutchinson. To the lady who contributed the article "Voice of the Voiceless" that appeared in the Local Press, and to the Press for their kind help. The total sum collected amounts to \$4,744.85 which will enable the Society to carry on the good work of animal welfare for a continued period. Again thanking everyone who helped.

JOHN RUSSELL,
President.

PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING.

OFFICER OF CANTONESE ARMY MARRIED.

A pretty Chinese wedding was solemnised at the Hotel Cecil yesterday, a large party of relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom being present. The bridegroom, Mr. Chan Ping-kwan of No. 14, Amoy Street, Wan-chai, is a son of Mr. Chan So, Manager of Messrs. Kwai Lum S.S. Co., and is an officer of the Canton 8th Route Army, while the bride, Miss Pau Shiu-han, is the daughter of a retired broker, Mr. Pau Tak-suen. The bride, holding a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and beautifully attired in ivory satin, was attended by Miss Lo Wai-king, who was dressed charmingly in pink georgette. The best man was Mr. Yu Lun-cheuk, and the flower girls were Misses Joyce Chan and Chung Hon-kwan. After the ceremony dinner was served at the hotel to the gathering.

HOPE FOR SILVER.

WORLD AGREEMENT AS BEST REMEDY.

New York, Jan. 12. In a review of the silver market for 1930, Messrs. Handy and Harman, silversmiths, think that an international agreement offers the most likely hope for stabilization of silver, and are of opinion that the price of silver will advance, when a revival of world trade occurs.

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[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

OBITUARY.

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Empress of Canada	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 21		
Empress of Russia	Mar. 10	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Apr. 4		
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 16		
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27		
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 14		
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 15	May 25		
Empress of Japan	May 13	May 16	May 19	May 20	May 30		
Empress of Asia	June 23	June 26	June 28	June 29	June 10		
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 8		
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 11	July 20	Aug. 5		
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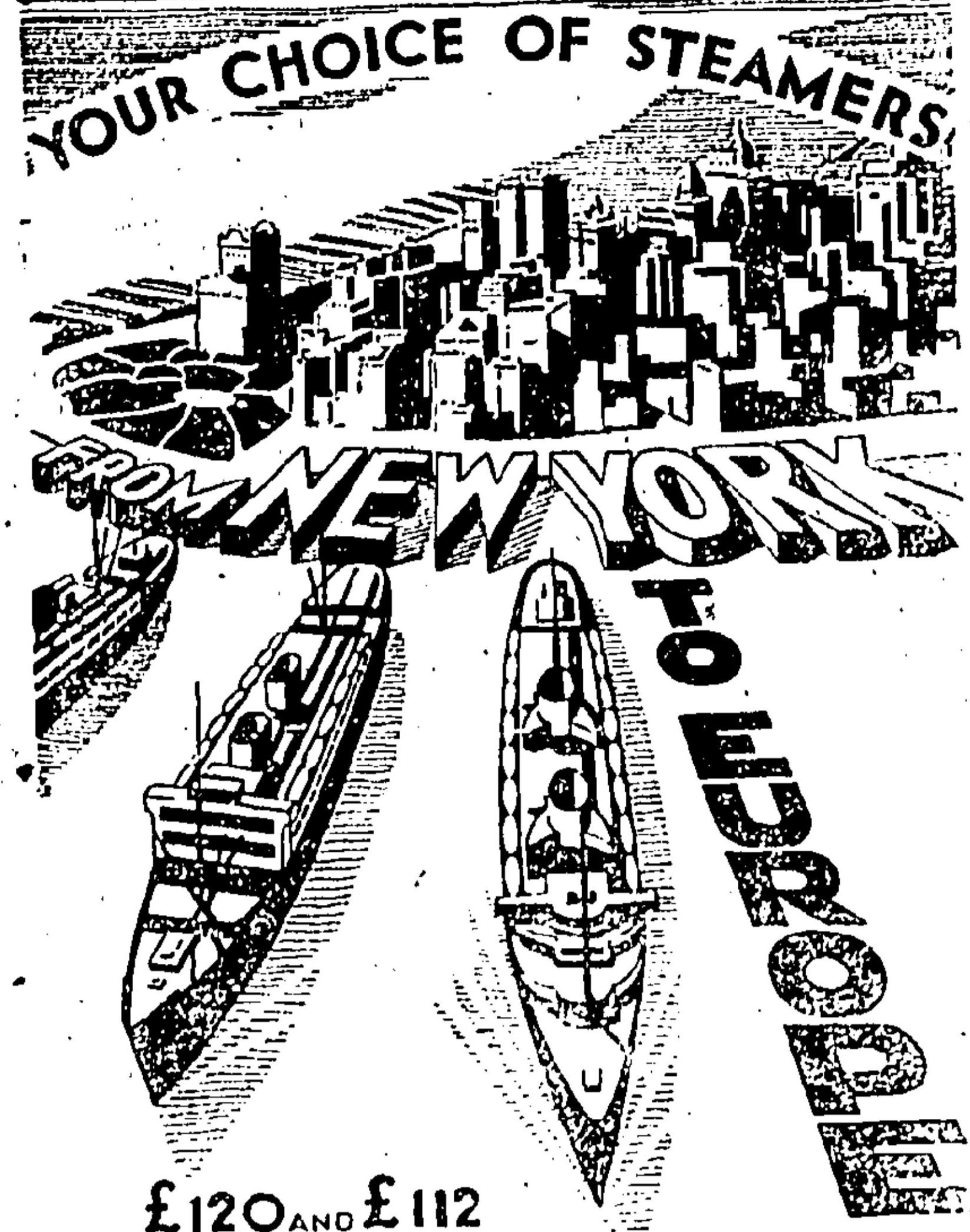
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DEGREE DAY AT UNIVERSITY.

(Continued from Page 2.)

deal with the University's inevitable difficulties. I take this opportunity, on behalf of all my colleagues and myself, to tender to Your Excellency and to your Counsellors our profound gratitude.

The year 1930 also saw the decision of His Majesty's Government—a decision graciously accepted by the Government of the Republic of China—that the University should receive a contribution from the Boxer Indemnity Fund. The contribution represents a solid sum which, if wisely used is going to help us in placing the University on a sounder financial basis. I have already received a good many suggestions as to how the money should be spent. Personally, I hope that the capital will not be touched. If we invest the whole £256,000 in Trustee Securities in England we may hope to get an additional income for the University of £10,600 a year, that is to say even if the money can not be invested at a rate of interest higher than 4%. I will not attempt to convert this sum into Hongkong dollars.

But the question of additional income apart, the contribution is a testimony to the belief of His Majesty's Government and that of the Government of the Chinese Republic that the University of Hongkong can, and will, if it be given a fair chance, contribute something to the building up of the China of the future.

Brilliant Career.

From the building up of the China of the future to the Hon. Foo Ping-sheung is a transition at once easy and obvious. The Hon. Foo Ping-sheung was born on the 16th February, 1896, at Fat Shan, a suburb of Canton. His father was Foo Shin, a Chinese scholar. He was brought up by his uncle Foo Sik, a well-known merchant of Hongkong. In 1908 Mr. Ping-sheung Foo went to the Ellis Kadoorie School, which he left in 1910 for St. Stephen's College. From St. Stephen's College he passed in 1912 to this University, where he graduated in due course as a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, being awarded by the London Assessors, First Class Honours. In 1917 he went as an assistant engineer to the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway. He then returned to Hongkong and taught for a year at St. Stephen's College, his old school.

In 1918/19 he was working in Canton as Head of the Bureau of Printing of the Military Government there and as Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which was then presided over by the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang. In this capacity he went to the Paris Peace Conference as Secretary of the Chinese Delegation. From 1920-1922 he worked as Superintendent of Customs and Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kulingchow and Pakhoi. In 1923 he became Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for the Province of Kwangtung and Superintendent of the Canton Customs, and subsequently Chief of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs in the Civil Governor's Office, Canton. Later he was advisor to the Ministries of Finance and War.

In 1927/8 he was Counsellor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director General of the Customs Administration of the Nationalist Government. In this last capacity he acted as Chairman of the recent Tariff Commission. For part of 1928 he was away from China travelling with Mr. Hu Han-min, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. C. C. Woo.

Many Activities.

In the same year he became a Member of the Legislative Yuan of the Nationalist Government and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee; also Chairman of the Civil Conciliation Commission. This Commission has now published an English translation of the Civil Code of the Republic of China Books I, II and III and Mr. Foo has contributed an introduction to this volume. In 1929 Mr. Foo was appointed Chinese Minister to Belgium, an appointment which he did not take up.

Mr. Ping-sheung Foo, it will be

a great pleasure to me to call upon

His Excellency the Chancellor to

confer upon you *honoris causa*, this

University's degree of Doctor of

Laws. You are the first graduate

of this University to receive this

distinction. According to this

testimony of all you have

through a period of great stress,

and temptation, filled honourably

many responsible posts of State.

I hope that the honour which this

University is now about to confer

upon you will be an encouragement

to others to follow in your

footsteps. We hope and believe

that you retain and will ever keep

with a you a grateful memory of

what we tried to do for you here.

It is to young men like you that

the future of China depends.

Hongkong is a British Colony but

the destinies of China and Hong-

kong are inextricably interwoven,

one with another. I don't expect

you to be blind to our shortcomings,

but I do believe that in

your heart of hearts you know that

though we Britishers are not demo-

nstrative China has no truer

friends.

Gigantic Task.

In 1924 Mr. Baldwin told the London Teachers' Association that "the idea of particular exceptional people pursuing learning had been familiar to the whole world for scores of centuries but that the idea of preparing whole classes or communities for co-operation and common action by a training in common ideas was a comparatively new one". This is

the gigantic task to which you and I, and indeed all of us, now stand committed. We are living in days in which the powers that

used to be inherent in birth and privilege are passing rapidly away.

We live, moreover, in an age when

the maintenance of that level of

civilization to which the world has

already succeeded in attaining,

can only be maintained and spread

by the education of the people.

And it has never been more urgent

than it is at the moment—not only

in China but throughout the

world—to wage the war of reason

against the passion that may be

stimulated by mob psychology.

Will you tell your colleagues

when you get back to Nanking that

we are watching with sympathy

not untinged with anxiety their

efforts to weld together the Chinese

Nation and that this is a task in

which your University claims the

privilege of being allowed to

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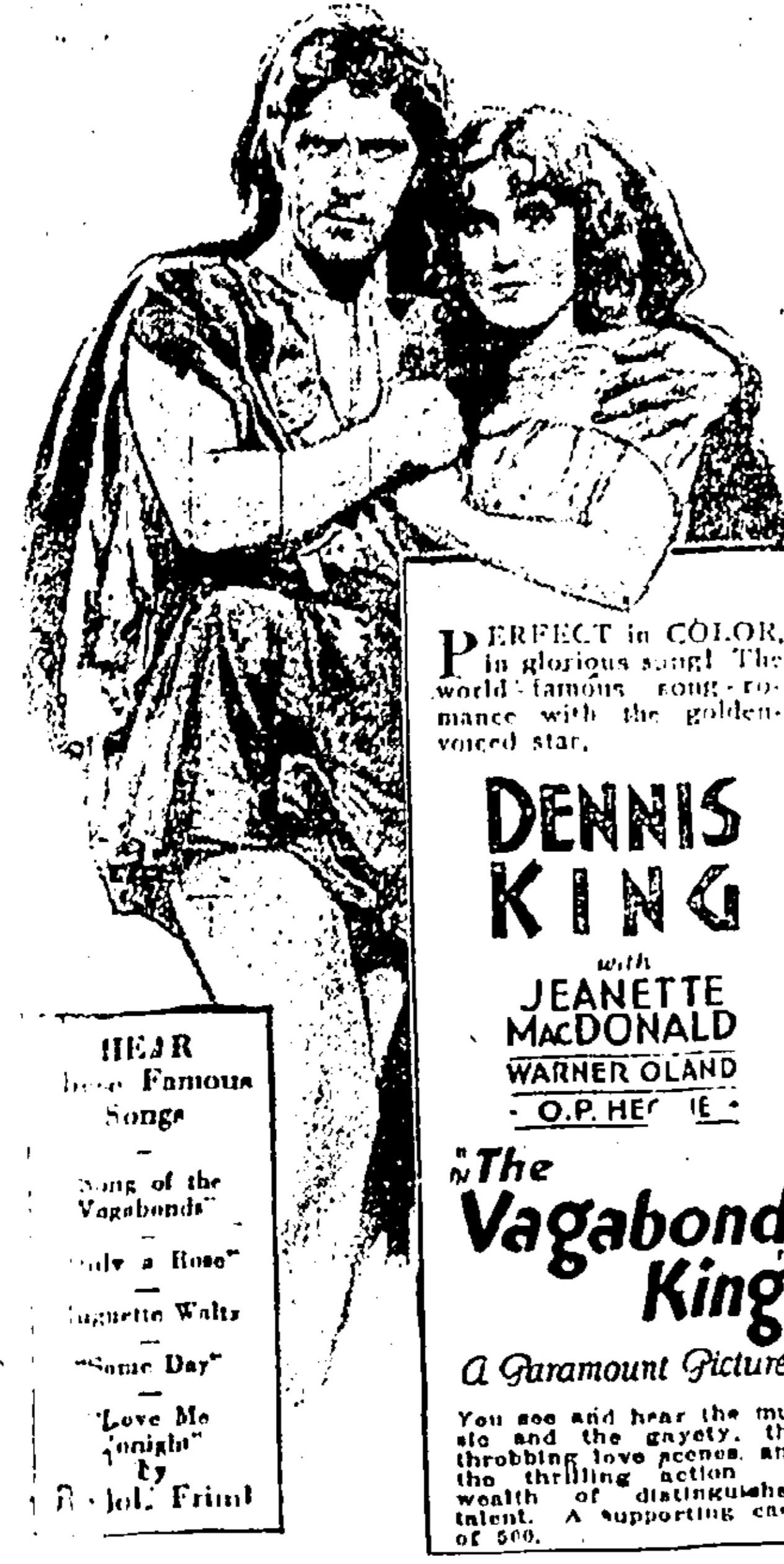
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HOW TINSMITH WAS DEFRAUDED

FIRM FOUND NOT TO BE
IN EXISTENCE.

A tinsmith, Leung Poh, of the Cheung Kee Cheung firm, 110, Queen's Road West, has been the victim, according to a report received by the police, of a fraud, by which he lost a sum of \$5,520.

Recently, it is stated, the firm entered into negotiations with a man named Wong Kit-sang, who represented himself as being the principal of the Wai Lung firm, with offices in the Industrial and Commercial Bank Building, for the purchase of 400 cases of sheet

tin. Evidence was given of the existence of the tin, and Leung Poh, who negotiated the deal on behalf of the Cheung Kee Cheung, was satisfied when he received a delivery note for the metal.

During the week-end, the delivery note was presented at the godown, but it was not honoured, the keeper there not acknowledging the validity of the document.

A subsequent visit to the offices of the Wai Lung, at the Industrial and Commercial Bank Building, confirmed their worst suspicions.

The office was found to be closed, and it was realised that the tin never belonged to the firm, which at the outset had entered into the deal as if the metal really belonged to them.

MR. MELBOURNE RETIRES

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POPULAR OFFICIAL

A host of friends will learn with regret of the impending departure from the Colony, on retirement, of Mr. C. D. Melbourne, who has completed nearly 31 years in the Government service, and who, since the middle of 1928, has been Registrar at the Supreme Court. Mr. Melbourne has been granted leave prior to retirement as from the end of 1930, but he intends to spend the winter months in the Old Country.

When interviewed by a Telegraph representative, Mr. Melbourne said that he intended to visit Shanghai and Manila before going home, and expected to sail in the spring of this year via America.

Of a genial disposition, with a penchant for witty talk, Mr. Melbourne is one of the most popular residents in the Colony and his presence will be missed by many who have had the pleasure of his friendship.

For many years he was a keen Volunteer (the humorously described "neutralised signalling"), and has also held high rank in Freemasonry. Among the offices which he has held are Marshall Provincial Prior of China, D.G.S.W. of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, District Senior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, Marshall of the Victoria Priory and Preceptory Director of Ceremonies Estethen Mark Lodge, and Unofficial Member of the District Grand Royal Lodge Chapter.

Mr. Melbourne was formerly President of the Hongkong Radio Society, and Vice-President of the Civil Service Cricket Club. For many years he has been a member of the Licensing Board, and, since 1902, he has been an official Justice of the Peace, being third in seniority.

Mr. Melbourne is a brother-in-law of Mr. John Scott Harston.

Mr. Melbourne's Career

Mr. Charles Alexander Dick Melbourne, barrister-at-law, was born on September 22, 1869, and was appointed as First Clerk at the Police Magistrate's Office on May 1, 1900. From December 9, 1903, until December 7, 1904, he was Acting Assistant Superintendent of Victoria Gaol. In addition to his ordinary duties, while in 1905, he became Acting Assistant Land Officer and, afterwards, Acting Second Police Magistrate. He filled this latter position on several occasions and became Acting Deputy Registrar and Appraiser in 1907. In the same year he was attached to the Land Office to assist in bankruptcy work. Between 1908 and 1910 he again filled the appointment already mentioned after which he went on leave.

He became Acting Registrar in 1914 and acting Puisne Judge in 1919. His last appointment was in 1928 when he became Registrar at the Supreme Court.

Mr. E. P. H. Lang has been appointed to fill Mr. Melbourne's post as Registrar, and Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Solicitor, has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Lang, that of Deputy Registrar.

YOUTH'S THREE THEFTS.

PRISON AND BIRCHING ORDERED.

A Chinese youth named Cheung Shan, with two previous convictions for theft, appeared before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with respect to three thefts.

The first count was of having stolen a felt hat, the property of a schoolboy, Mohamed Bakly, from outside 37, Austin Road. The second charge was in respect of a blanket stolen from outside 314, Canton Road, the property of Lo Seung, married woman, whilst the third charge was in respect of a singlet which was stolen from the back yard of No. 55, Humphrey's Avenue.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the second charge and denied the other two, whereupon Detective Inspector Fallon withdrew the other two charges.

Mr. Butters sentenced defendant to two months' imprisonment and 12 strokes.

Five or six Chinese who surrounded and harassed Yuen Sui-lam, unemployed man living at the Lee Theatre, as he was walking along Queen's Road East, near Taihang Street yesterday, are believed to have stolen his watch and chain, valued at \$24. The theft was reported to the Wanchai Station.

THREATENED COLLAPSE OF GOLD CREDIT.

AN ANGLO-FRENCH UNDERSTANDING.

RESULTS STILL CLOUDED IN MYSTERY

FRANCE'S POLICY.

The mysterious ambiguities in every statement connected with the negotiations proceeding between British and French financial experts, with a view to checking the outflow of gold from England, are certainly not cleared up by M. Martin, the French Finance Minister, who made a statement on the subject yesterday.

M. Martin talks of measures to effect a monetary settlement between the London and Paris markets, but does not explain what form it will take, though there are persistent rumours of the granting of a large loan by the Bank of France to British industry.

The need for such a loan is difficult to understand. Recent stock flotation in London have revealed no lack of response. On the contrary, gilt-edged securities have been over-subscribed, in some cases, fifty times.

French Promise.

Paris, Jan. 12. The Finance Minister, M. Martin, in an interview, defends France's monetary policy and declares that the Government is taking steps to limit the influx of gold.

He further declares: "To-morrow, in order that the Government's desire not to adopt a financial policy dominated by egotistical, its ends may become even plainer. We may hope that with the collaboration of the Bank of France a notable improvement will be affected by a monetary settlement between the London and Paris Markets.—Reuters.

Rumours of Loan.

A Transoceanic Kuomintang Message states that Paris political circles are galvanized by persistent rumours to the effect that the present negotiations between French and British experts, to curb the bullion drain on the Bank of England, are likely to culminate in a big international sensation—the granting of a large French loan to British industry through the Banque de France, with the Bank of England as guarantor. If this proves true, the politicians here insist, the report is tantamount to a Franco-British rapprochement, the effects of which on the situation it is at present impossible to gauge, though there can be no doubt that the reunion of the two countries would make itself quickly felt in European politics.

In this connexion, political quarters recall the fact that, during the last meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Conference the British delegate, Lord Robert Cecil, with a rather sudden volte face, accepted the French thesis, wherefore these circles now hint that future co-operation between the two countries may have to be sought along such or similar lines.

Veil Partially Lifted.

Writing in *Le Matin*, this paper's well-known foreign political expert, Mr. Jules Sauerwein, who maintains very close relations with many leading statesmen and politicians, lifts a corner of the veil spread over the present Anglo-French financial entente and intimating that at the opening in the middle of this month of the conference which is to consider the Foreign Minis-

LADY MOTORIST FINED.

OBSTRUCTION CAUSED IN CHATER ROAD.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

Mrs. W. G. L. Cooper, of Dorington, May Road, appeared before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning on a summons accusing her of having caused an obstruction by leaving motor car No. 689 in Chater Road, outside Messrs. A. S. Watson and company's store at 12.25 p.m. on January 7.

The defendant admitted having left the car on the south side of the road, but remarked that when she parked it there, other cars were able to pass.

Sergeant Williamson informed His Worship that the car had been parked about two yards from the kerb which made it impossible for other cars to pass. He himself had to move one of the cars on the authorised parking stand to permit other traffic to pass Mrs. Cooper's car.

He thought that when Mrs. Cooper had parked her car there was no vehicle on the stand immediately opposite, but when a car had taken up the space on the stand there was insufficient room for other cars to pass along the south side of the road.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5 and remarked to the traffic officer that he had often seen about half a dozen cars parked on the south side of the road.

WORLD STATISTICS OF WORKLESS.

GERMANY HAS BIGGEST BURDEN PER HEAD.

Geneva, Jan. 8. The International Labour Bureau attached to the League of Nations has issued statistics on unemployment the world over during the month of December. In Europe Germany takes the sad pride of place with four millions, England follows with 2,300,000, then Italy with 534,000, and Austria with 262,000.

The single city of Danzig has the deplorable number of 20,000, which is more than the whole of Switzerland. The lowest numbers are in Norway with 8,000 and Yugoslavia with 4,700.

For the United States the figure cannot be ascertained with absolute exactitude, but is placed at between five and seven millions. Germany has by far the biggest proportion of unemployed compared with the total population of the country.

At the City Hall last night, Dr. P. Fennelly, LL.D., gave the first of a series of lectures on psychology. He had as his subject, "Sleep and Dreams, Their Meaning and How to Interpret Them." The large audience present was deeply interested in the able discourse, and at the close the lecturer answered a number of questions. To-night, Dr. Fennelly will talk on "Nerve Control."

ter, M. Briand's Pan-European Federation scheme, France will make it quite plain that she is prepared to devote her resources to Europe's reconstruction and rationalization but on certain conditions only, these to include the renunciation of all schemes of revision, which is obviously aimed at Germany. "Co-operation between the French and British Exchequers would pave the way for a discussion of the problems of Europe in a spirit of generosity, and the happy consequences of such a co-operation would soon become visible both at Geneva and Paris. However, it should be remembered that it is impossible to apply to France for financial assistance and, in the same breath, ask for revision."

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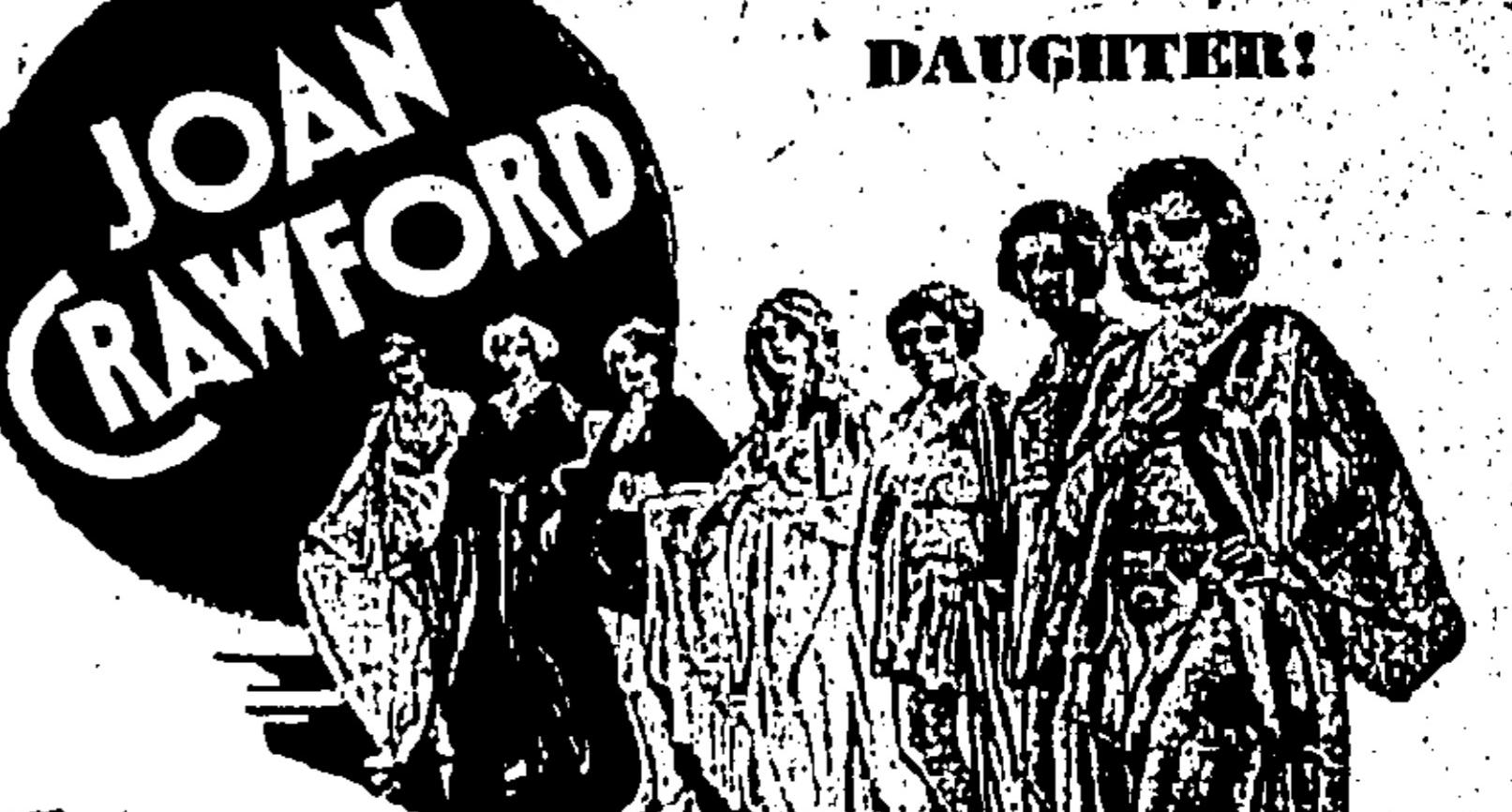
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